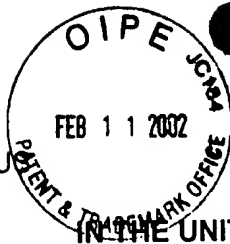


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 10, 2002 (Paper No. 10), Applicants hereby elect Group I consisting of Claims 1-22, 34 and 35, drawn to a method of nucleic acid hybridization. This election is made without traverse.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant submits that the above election of Group I now places the application in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this matter he is invited to telephone the undersigned so that the questions may be resolved.

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